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SUBJECT: VALIDITY OF PNG PASSPORTS

1. RECENT IVP GRANTEES FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA TELL US THAT AUSTRALIA IS ISSUING THEM PASSPORTS VALID ONLY THROUGH AUGUST 1975, APPARENTLY BECAUSE PNG EXPECTED TO BE INDEPENDENT IN SEPTEMBER AND TO ISSUE ITS OWN PASSPORTS AFTER THAT TIME. IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, WE ARE TOLD THAT GRANTEE WAS WARNED BY INS HONOLULU TO GET PASSPORT EXTENDED, AND THAT RECEPTION CENTER WAS HELPFUL IN POTENTIALLY AWKWARD SITUATION.

2. AS CONSULATE GENERAL KNOWS, 22 CFR 41.122 NOTE 3.2 STATES THAT A VISA MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS THE PASSPORT IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEYOND THE INITIAL PERIOD OF CONTEMPLATED STAY IN THE U.S. 22 CFR 41.122 NOTE 3.3 STATES THAT THE HOLDER OF A VALID VISA SHOULD BE CAUTIONED THAT, IN APPLYING FOR ADMISSION AT A

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PORT OF ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES, HE IS REQUIRED TO BE

IN POSSESSION OF A PASSPORT VALID FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL PERIOD OF HIS ADMISSION OR CONTEMPLATED INITIAL PERIOD OF STAY IN THE U.S. WE ASSUME THAT PNG NATIONALS ARE BEING ISSUED US VISAS, AND CORRECTLY SO, ON BASIS OF 22 CFR 41.112 NOTE 1 RE OUR AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA AMONG OTHERS THAT PASSPORTS

WILL BE REGARDED AS VALID SIX MONTHS BEYOND EXPIRATION DATE ON FACE OF PASSPORT.

3. DEPARTMENT KNOWS THAT POST FULLY SHARES ITS DESIRE TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO VISITORS FROM PNG. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PORT MORESBY'S COMMENTS ON THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM AND ON WHETHER DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN HONOLULU DESCRIBED PARA 1 ABOVE APPEAR TO BE ISOLATED CASE OR WIDESPREAD SITUATION REQUIRING WASHINGTON ACTION.

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